

Roads and Drainage Annual Report

December, 2015



The Roads and Drainage Subcommittee has continued to be active through the year, liaising with Pittwater Council regarding the Capital Improvements Programme (CIP) and roads and drainage maintenance, particularly in relation to the storm damage the Island.

- Subcommittee members met with Paul Davies on site during the year to review the CIP Schedule of Works 2015/2016 and identify areas of priority
- Subcommittee members met with RMS to discuss conditional registration being made available for golf buggies and ultra-light utility vehicles. A discussion paper is being prepared.
- Meetings with RMS were held to discuss the introduction of a 20km speed limit on the Island. This has been achieved and further consultation is being planned for next year to continue to discuss the introduction of a Traffic Management Plan
- SIRA met with Mark Ferguson and Senior Council staff to urgently request restoration works on the “hairpin bend” which was followed by a great show of community action by residents at the top of the Island. The surface laid was intended to be a temporary solution, but the material used may have more longevity than expected. Council staff will continue to monitor the condition of the road surface.
- Storm damage restoration works were carried out on Hilda Avenue, Thompson Street and Cecil Street as well as a section of Richard Road. Rob Stokes was instrumental in Council receiving government funding to carry out storm damage repairs. Council provided supplementary funding specifically for repairs to the “hairpin bend”.
- Drains and pits are continuing to be installed around the Island in various locations per the CIP Schedule of Works plan. Council plans to install more drainage above Bell Wharf and around the corner towards Cargo early next year
- Council has initiated discussions to identify potentially suitable areas on the Island for Council to store construction and repair materials, plant and equipment. These discussions are not yet finalised and more investigation and community consultation is required.
- SIRA met with Rob Stokes to discuss the possibility of extra funding from the government for the CIP works. Currently, Council only receives \$100,000 approx. per year from a Special Rate Variation Levy. Mark Ferguson has had discussions with Rob Stokes with regard to submitting a plan and design with the hope that extra funding will become available.
- Subcommittee members have requested a meeting with various Council staff to discuss methods and planning for any work on the Island to include appropriate processes, sustainable outcomes and protection of the environment.

The Roads and Drainage Master Plan as well as the proposals for a Traffic Management Plan are available here: <http://www.scotlandisland.org.au/sira/roads-drainage-and-traffic/>